

program. I was told when the one debate that we won on the floor, the one vote that there was on this was lost by the other side, that there would only be several thousand, maybe 10,000 people applying. It is a major loophole. Now, if this body wants to do that, I have no objection. Well, I would object, I would vote against it, but that is fine.

I am only asking that we put ourselves on the record for our constituents on this particular issue. That is what democracy is all about, and I have some friends here, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] who is totally on the other side on this, who I understand feels very strongly. I just think we should all be on the record in saying that, and with this agreement by the chairman of the Committee on Rules that there will be an up-or-down vote on this within the next 3 weeks.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, the gentleman cannot be guaranteed a vote up or down in the next 3 weeks on it. This is a 3-week extension. If nothing is done, it expires, and the gentleman has won his case. I simply said to the gentleman that if this is going to come before the floor, we would see to it in the Committee on Rules that there would be a vote on it, if there is going to be a further extension of permanent law.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I will accept that assurance, and I hope everybody understands that we came to this point where people's lives might be disrupted because the democratic process was ignored in the past, and this thing was put into law without a vote on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

S. Con. Res. 11. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the first nutrition program for the elderly under the Older Americans Act of 1965.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2203, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-271)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2203) "making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, for energy and water development, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related purposes.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by laws, surveys and detailed studies and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$156,804,000, to remain available until expended, of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

Delaware Bay Coastline, Delaware and New Jersey, \$456,000;

Tampa Harbor, Alafia Channel, Florida, \$270,000;

Laulaulei, Hawaii, \$200,000;

Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet, New Jersey, \$400,000;

Brigantine Inlet to Great Egg Harbor Inlet, New Jersey, \$472,000;

Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsends Inlet, New Jersey, \$400,000;

Lower Cape May Meadows—Cape May Point, New Jersey, \$154,000;

Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey, \$400,000;

Raritan Bay to Sandy Hook Bay (Cliffwood Beach), New Jersey, \$300,000;

Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet, New Jersey, \$500,000; and

Monongahela River, Fairmont, West Virginia, \$350,000:

Provided, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use \$600,000 of the funds appropriated in Public Law 102-377 for the Red River Waterway, Shreveport, Louisiana, to Daingerfield, Texas, project for the feasibility phase of the Red River Navigation, Southwest Arkansas, study: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use \$470,000 of the funds appropriated herein to initiate the feasibility phase for the Metropolitan Louisville, Southwest, Kentucky, study: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use \$500,000 of the funds appropriated herein to implement section 211(f)(7) of Public Law 104-303 (110 Stat. 3684) and to reimburse the non-Federal sponsor a portion of the Federal share of project costs for the Hunting Bayou element of the project for flood control, Buffalo Bayou and tributaries, Texas:

Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use \$150,000 of the funds appropriated herein to implement section 211(f)(8) of Public Law 104-303 (110 Stat. 3684) and to reimburse the non-Federal sponsor a portion of the Federal share of project costs for the project for flood control, White Oak Bayou watershed, Texas.

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

For the prosecution of river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws; and detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of projects (including those for development with participation or under consideration for participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such studies shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction), \$1,473,373,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary pursuant to Public Law 99-662 shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, for one-half of the costs of construction and rehabilitation of inland waterways projects, including rehabilitation costs for the Lock and Dam 25, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri; Lock and Dam 14, Mississippi River, Iowa; Lock and Dam 24, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri; and Lock and Dam 3, Mississippi River, Minnesota, projects, and of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

Arkansas River, Tucker Creek, Arkansas, \$300,000;

Norco Bluffs, California, \$1,000,000;

San Timoteo Creek (Santa Ana River Mainstem), California, \$5,000,000;

Panama City Beaches, Florida, \$5,000,000;

Tybee Island, Georgia, \$2,000,000;

Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana, \$5,000,000;

Indiana Shoreline Erosion, Indiana, \$3,000,000;

Lake George, Hobart, Indiana, \$3,500,000;

Ohio River Flood Protection, Indiana, \$1,300,000;

Harlan, Williamsburg, and Middlesboro, Kentucky, elements of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River, \$26,390,000;

Martin County, Kentucky, element of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River, \$5,000,000;

Pike County, Kentucky, element of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River, \$5,300,000;

Town of Martin (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Kentucky, \$700,000;

Salyserville, Kentucky, \$2,050,000;

Southern and Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky, \$3,000,000;

Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (Hurricane Protection), Louisiana, \$22,920,000;

Lake Pontchartrain (Jefferson Parish) Stormwater Discharge, Louisiana, \$3,000,000;

Jackson County, Mississippi, \$3,000,000;

Natchez Bluff, Mississippi, \$4,000,000;

Pearl River, Mississippi (Walkiah Bluff), \$2,000,000;

Joseph G. Minish Passaic River Park, New Jersey, \$3,000,000;

Hudson River, Athens, New York, \$8,700,000;

Lackawanna River, Olyphant, Pennsylvania, \$1400,000;

Lackawanna River, Scranton, Pennsylvania, \$5,425,000;

Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, \$339,000;

South Central Pennsylvania Environment Improvement Program, \$30,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be available only for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in Lackawanna, Lycoming, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Pike, and Monroe counties in Pennsylvania in accordance with the purposes of subsection (a) and requirements of subsection (b) through (e)